

AMENDMENTS

In the specification:

Please delete paragraph 6 on page 2 of the original specification and substitute the following therefore.

The minnow tray is preferentially formed having a concave shape that slopes towards a minnow tray opening. In addition, the minnow tray preferentially includes a plurality of apertures that allow water contained in the bucket base to pass back into the bucket base when the automatic dispensing device is raised. When the automatic dispensing device reaches the predetermined point on the bucket base, an opening is included that allows the minnow to pass from the minnow tray to a minnow dispenser ~~shoot~~ chute on the bucket base. The minnow then travels down the minnow dispenser ~~shoot~~ chute into the angler's hand.

Please delete paragraph 21 on page 4 of the original specification and substitute the following therefore:

In some embodiments of the present invention, the bucket base 104 may include a base dispenser ~~shoot~~ chute 110 that allows minnows to travel out of the bucket base 104. In order to use the present invention, the angler first places the minnow tray 108 inside the bucket base 104, which may or may not include water at that time. If no water has previously been added, the angler may place water in the bucket base 104 that may contain a plurality of minnows. If no minnows have previously been added, the angler may add minnows at this time. To obtain a minnow, the angler may grab the minnow tray handle 106 and raise the minnow tray handle 106 in a vertical direction until a bottom portion of the minnow tray 108

reaches a predetermined point on the bucket base 104. At the predetermined point, the minnow tray 108 reaches an opening 112 in the bucket base 104 and/or the lid 114 that allows the minnows to exit the bucket base 104. The minnows exit through the opening 112 and travel down the base dispenser ~~sheet~~ chute 110 until they reach the angler's hand.

Please delete paragraph 25 on page 5 of the original specification and substitute the following therefore:

As illustrated better in Figs. 5 and 6, the preferred minnow tray 108 may be formed in a relatively concave shape so that water is directed to a minnow tray opening 126. The minnow tray 108 is formed in a concave shape so that water will flow downwardly toward the tray opening 126. As such, as the minnow tray 108 is lifted out of the water in the bucket base 104, the water containing the fish flows downwardly toward the minnow tray opening 126 and then exits down the base dispenser ~~sheet~~ chute 110. In addition, water drains back into the bucket base 104 through the apertures 124 in the minnow tray 108. However, the size of the apertures 124 in the minnow tray 108 is preferentially large enough to allow most of the water to flow through the apertures 124 and back into the bucket base 104.

Please delete paragraph 26 on page 5 of the original specification and substitute the following therefore:

Referring to Fig. 7, a cross-sectional view of the minnow bucket 100 is illustrated to demonstrate how the minnow bucket 100 functions during use. As illustrated, the minnows have been placed in the water contained in the bucket base 104 and the automatic dispensing device 102 and lid 114 have been positioned in or

connected with the bucket base 104. Let's say for instance that the angler needs to get another minnow for bait. The angler would grab the minnow tray handle 106 of the automatic dispensing device 102 with one hand and place the other hand at the exit of the base dispenser ~~sheet~~ chute 110.

Please delete paragraph 27 beginning on page 5 of the original specification and ending on page 6 and substitute the following therefore:

Referring to Fig. 8, the angler would then raise the automatic dispensing device 102 to a bottom portion of the base dispenser ~~sheet~~ chute 110 and as illustrated, the minnows begin to travel downwardly with the water toward the minnow tray opening 126. The minnows, and some water, then travel down the dispensing ~~sheet~~ chute 110 into the angler's hand. As such, in order to get a minnow the angler merely needs to raise the automatic dispensing device 102 of the minnow bucket 100 up to a predetermined point and minnows readily begin traveling out of the minnow bucket 100. Referring to Fig. 9, if, by chance, the angler gets more minnows than he/she needs, they may toss the extra minnow(s) back into a minnow return aperture 128 located in the lid 114. The minnow return aperture 128 may be formed in a concave or inwardly facing cone shape in relation to the bucket base 104 and may also be used to stock the minnow bucket 100.